

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to be in the form as follows:

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1. (Currently amended) An apparatus for supporting a keyboard, comprising:

a frame member having an upper end and a lower end; and
means for attaching the upper end of the frame member to a monitor such that the lower end of the frame member extends from a lower portion of the monitor to support the keyboard, wherein the lower end of the frame member is configured to provide the keyboard in both a first position and a second position, wherein the first position is an extended position in which the keyboard is extended approximately outward from a front surface of the monitor, and wherein the second position is a retracted position in which the keyboard is retracted approximately in line with and adjacent to a rear surface of the monitor.

2. (Currently amended) The apparatus as recited in claim 1 wherein the frame member is configured to extend from a rear surface of the monitor, at a point at which the upper end is attached to the monitor, toward the lower portion of the monitor and continuing to extend from the lower portion of the monitor outward and away from a-the front surface of the monitor to support the keyboard in both the first and second positions.

3. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 1 wherein the frame member is substantially C-shaped.

4. (Currently amended) The apparatus as recited in claim 1 wherein the frame member is configured to move from an extended position down from a lower surface of the monitor to a retracted position up towards the lower surface of the monitor.

5. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 1 further comprising a tray attached to the lower end of the frame member for supporting the keyboard.

6. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 1 wherein the frame member is configured to be selectively positioned at an ergonomic angle.

7. (Currently amended) The apparatus as recited in claim 1 wherein the attaching means further comprises means for rotatably attaching the frame member to the monitor to facilitate changing an angle of the keyboard with respect to the user when the keyboard is in the first position.

8. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 1 wherein the frame member comprises at least one elongated tubular member.

9. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 1 wherein the keyboard is split along a longitudinal axis to allow the keyboard to fold along the longitudinal axis.

10. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 1 wherein the keyboard is supported in a location adjacent to the monitor.

11. (Currently amended) The apparatus as recited in claim 1 further comprising a ramp attached to the frame member between the upper end and the lower end, wherein the ramp is configured to slidably reposition the keyboard between the first position and the second position.

12. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 1 wherein the frame member is retractable in a vertical direction to support the keyboard in a position above a surface of a desktop.

13. (Currently amended) A monitor configured to store a keyboard, the monitor comprising:

a display screen housing having a front surface and a back surface;

a support frame attached to a rear portion of the display screen housing for supporting the display screen housing at a distance above a desktop, wherein the back surface of the display screen housing and the support frame define a channel therebetween; and

means for supporting the keyboard approximately in line with the back surface of the display screen housing and at least partially within the channel formed by the display screen housing and the support frame.

14. (Original) The monitor as recited in claim 13 further comprising means for removably attaching the keyboard to the monitor.

15. (Currently amended) The monitor as recited in claim 13 wherein the channel has a width which is greater than a thickness of a-the keyboard.

16. (Re-presented - formerly dependent claim # 9) An apparatus for supporting a keyboard, comprising:

a frame member having an upper end and a lower end; and

means for attaching the upper end of the frame member to a monitor such that the lower end of the frame member extends from

a lower portion of the monitor to support the keyboard, wherein the keyboard is split along a longitudinal axis to allow the keyboard to fold along the longitudinal axis.

17. (New) The apparatus as recited in claim 16 further comprising a ramp attached to the frame member between the upper end and the lower end, wherein the ramp is configured to slidably reposition the keyboard.

18. (New) The apparatus as recited in claim 16 wherein the frame member is configured to move from an extended position away from a lower surface of the monitor to a retracted position towards the lower surface of the monitor.
